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Design Trademark Holdings, LLC, a

Delaware limited liability company, Opposer,

v.

City of Doral, a Florida municipal

corporation,

Applicant.

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DISTRICT and Design

OPPOSER'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO APPLICANT'S COUNTERCLAIMS

Opposer, Design Trademark Holdings, LLC ("Opposer"), hereby submits its Answer to the Counterclaims alleged by the City of Doral ("Applicant"), as follows:

- Answering the allegations set forth in Paragraph 15 of Applicant's Answer to Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims, Opposer denies said allegations.
- Answering the allegations set forth in Paragraph 16 of Applicant's Answer to Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims, Opposer denies said allegations.
- Answering the allegations set forth in Paragraph 17 of Applicant's Answer to Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims, Opposer denies said allegations.
- Answering the allegations set forth in Paragraph 18 of Applicant's Answer to Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims, Opposer denies said allegations.

5. Answering the allegations set forth in Paragraph 19 of Applicant's Answer to

Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims, Opposer denies said

allegations.

WHEREFORE, Opposer denies each and every allegation of Applicant's Answer to

Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims not already admitted or denied and

further denies that Applicant is entitled to any relief whatsoever as prayed or otherwise

on the basis of any of the purported claims for relief contained in the Applicant's Answer

to Opposer's Notice of Opposition and Counterclaims.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The counterclaims fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

2. Applicant committed fraud on the United States Patent and Trademark Office by

making misstatements in its application regarding use of the **D D DORAL**

DESIGN DISTRICT and Design trademark and by failing to disclose use of

Opposer's confusingly similar trademark.

3. On information and belief, Applicant has abandoned any ownership rights it may

have had with respect to the **D D D DORAL DESIGN DISTRICT and Design**

trademark by not using the mark in commerce and having no present intent to

commence or resume use.

4. Applicant is not the true owner of the **D D D DORAL DESIGN DISTRICT and**

Design trademark because Opposer has priority of usage of its mark, and

Applicant's mark is confusingly similar thereto.

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Date: August 25, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO APPLICANT'S COUNTERCLAIMS was served upon Applicant by delivering true and correct copies of same to Applicant and counsel for Applicant via Federal Express on August 25, 2014 as follows:

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